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### President Wilson Planting Tree in White House Grounds



President Wilson throwing first shovel full of earth in hole at planting of the "Wilson Elm" in the White House grounds on Thursday. The new tree takes the place of the "Cleveland Elm," which was uprooted in a storm on July 7. It stands to the east of the main portion of the White House.

### PORTSMOUTH YARD SWEPT BY FLAMES

Any Interesting Documents Dating Back to Nelson's Time Destroyed.

Portsmouth, England, December 20.—A fierce fire, restricted to a limited area of the dock yard here, was still raging at a late hour to-night, and

taxing to the utmost all the resources of the port to cope with it.

The conflagration started in a sail loft alongside the south railway jetty and spread to a huge semaphore tower used for signaling warships and to adjacent buildings. All the warships in the harbor sent fire parties to the dock yard, and the fire appliances of the marine and military barracks were requisitioned, as well as the port's entire fire-fighting force.

When the fire was at its height, flames, fed by the stores of lubricating oil, shot 100 feet into the air, illuminating the harbor.

The fire was still burning at midnight, but its progress had been checked. The semaphore tower and an entire block of buildings beneath it, including the sail loft and rigging

house, were destroyed. Many interesting documents, dating back to before the time of Nelson, were burned.

### ORDER UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Gives No Compensation for Taking of Petitioner's Property.

San Francisco, December 20.—The California Supreme Court to-day declared unconstitutional an order of the State Railroad Commission to compel the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to make physical connection and to permit long distance service, with established rates, to certain independent telephone companies in Glenn and Tehama Counties.

"The order in question admittedly gives no compensation for the taking of the petitioner's property," says the decision, "and is therefore void by force and virtue of the Constitution of the State of California."

### AMERICAN GIRL TO BE BRIDE OF ENGLISH MAJOR

Miss Hutchinson, of Washington, to Become Mrs. Paleologue. F. Townsend Martin Better.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, December 20.—The engagement is announced of Miss Hattie Hutchinson, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson, of Washington and New York, and Major W. C. Paleologue, of the Indian army. The major is a great descendant of an old Greek royal family, while Miss Hutchinson is the eldest of three charming sisters, who have lived in London for several seasons. The three sisters are spending the Christmas holidays in Switzerland, but will return to London at the end of January to prepare for the wedding, which will take place in March.

No hazard was the faintest chance of success these days without its force of American soldiers. Only this week at the Regimental Bazaar, Mrs. Harold Harne, nee Churchill, of New York; the Countess Pauline Pappenheim and Mrs. Cecil Bingham, formerly Mrs. Chauncey, who had charge of several stalls, easily outstripped the list of sellers when the returns came to be handed in.

Mrs. Bradley-Martin will spend Christmas with the Earl and Countess Craven at Combe Abbey. She is now quite recovered from her recent illness. Lady Craven, who was Miss Bradley-Martin, has promised a subscription of \$5,000 to the fund for the new bishopric of Warwickshire.

Frederick Townsend Martin, uncle of the countess, has so far recovered from his indisposition as to be able to spend a few days at Brighton this week. He expects to spend Christmas with his relatives at Combe Abbey. Mr. Martin has been keenly interested in the success of the New York American's Christmas fund, making frequent inquiries at the American's London bureau as to its progress.

Mrs. John Leslie, nee Jerome, of New York, who is a great friend of the Duchess of Connaught, is entertaining at Glasslough, County Monaghan, Ireland. She is often referred to as the "First American Lady-in-Waiting," by reason of her frequent travels with royalty. Mrs. Leslie's sister is the better-known Lady Randolph Churchill.

Duchy House, Park Lane, which Mrs. Whitely Reid purchased for her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. John Ward, after being in the hands of the decorators for nearly a year, is now ready for occupation. The Wards will move in shortly, and one of the first visitors will be Mrs. Reid, who is expected here from New York in a few days.

As the family is still in mourning for the late ambassador, it is not expected that Dudley House will be the scene of much entertaining during the winter season, but later on some brilliant parties will be given there.

Mr. and Mrs. Scaramanga Ralli gave a reception to the Rhodes scholars in Oxford this week, at which the principal guests were Ambassador and Mrs. Page. Ambassador Page is in great demand for public functions, and seems to enjoy the spotlight immensely.

Lady Acheson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridgley Carter, is one of the handsomest women in London society, and is almost as popular as she is pretty. She was the only American invited by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire to meet the King and Queen during Their Majesties' recent stay at Chatsworth.

The Duchess of Roxburghe, nee Goulet, of New York, has been staying in the house of the Earl and Countess of Avesbury, but her country visits are becoming rare. As a matter of fact, she cannot tear herself away from her little son and heir, which sudden access to domesticity rather surprises and pleases her many friends.

**RAMIREZ LEAVES PANAMA.**  
Departure is Result of Anti-Colombian Demonstration.  
Panama, December 20.—As a result of anti-Colombian demonstration here Thursday night, when several houses occupied by Colombians were stoned, Sanchez Ramirez, the confidential



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agent here of the Colombian government, called for home to-day for reasons of safety.

The outbreak against Colombians grew out of an article published in a newspaper at Barranquilla, Colombia, containing, among other statements, reports that the people of Panama desired to return to the Colombian fold. A local partisan replied with a bitter article, which in turn brought forth a statement from Colombia's confidential agent, and it was against him that popular indignation was directed.

### PROFESSOR WYMAN RESIGNS

Leaves Harvard Law School to Avoid Embarrassment.

Boston, December 20.—Bruce Wyman, professor of law at Harvard, who testified yesterday before the Public Service Commission that he had received a salary of \$322 a month for services rendered the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, sent a letter of resignation to President Lowell of Harvard, to-night.

After saying he had seen no fault in the combination of his functions

as professor at Harvard and consulting counsel for the New Haven road, Professor Wyman wrote:

"I feel that I should embarrass the college and the law school by continuing to hold two positions, one of which, not now separate myself from my connection with them, which, without regard to the innocence of my motives in the matter before the public, may obviously do them an injury."

### PREPARES FOR RUSH.

Burlington Employes 8,000 Extra Men in Railway Mail Service.

Washington, December 20.—Postmaster-General Burleson has employed 8,000 extra men in the railway mail service as an emergency measure to prevent overcrowding of the mails during the holiday rush. Postmasters, particularly those of first-class offices, have been authorized to employ as much additional help as may be necessary to make deliveries.

General Superintendent Stevens, of

the railway mail service, said to-day that the amount of "unworked mail" left on the trains upon their arrival at terminal stations was negligible as compared with the figures for previous years.

"With the exception of a few isolated lines," said he, "there will be no failure to effect distribution in the railway mail service."

### Dickinson-Martin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Gordonsville, Va., December 20.—Miss Mary Louise Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin, and Dr. J. C. Dickinson, of Tampa, Fla., were married at the home of the bride in South Gordonsville this afternoon at 12 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Cook, pastor of the Gordonsville Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson left for a trip through the Western cities.

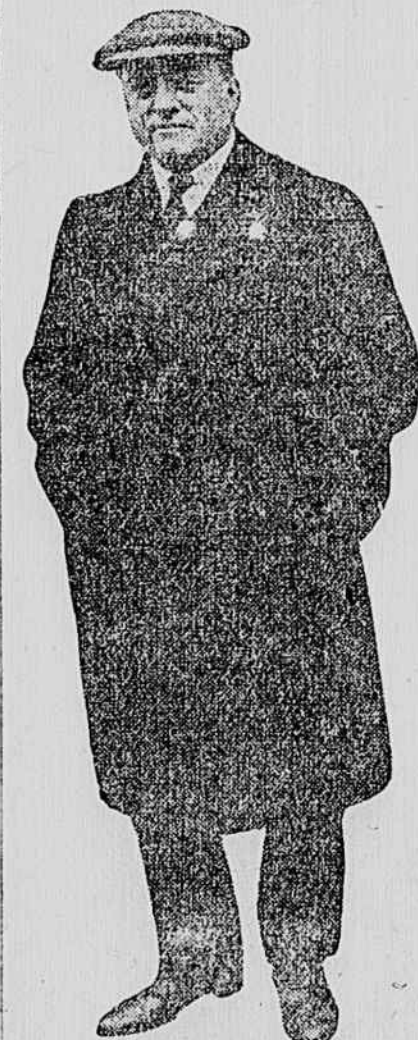
### NO WATER FOR BATHING IN LEE DISTRICT TO-MORROW

Pressure from the standpipe service, which supplies Lee District and that part of the city between Broad Street on the north, Beverly Street on the south, Rosemeath Road on the west and Fifth Street on the east, will be considerably reduced at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Repairs to the standpipe are to be made by the city, and it is expected that the work will be completed within four hours. This means that there will be no water for bathing purposes in the territory affected. Superintendent Davis suggested last night that all tanks and boilers be filled with a sufficient supply to carry them over the period of reduced pressure.

It means, too, that unless the tub is filled to-night you may not get your bath in the morning—that is, unless you bathe before 9 o'clock. Of course, if you do not bathe on Monday, you will not be bothered by the temporary break in the service, and boys who are not crazy about bathing anyhow will not be annoyed.

The city will be amply protected from other sources of supply in the event of fire.

### Duke of Manchester



[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, December 20.—The Duke of Manchester is now London's foremost tangoer. At a recent dance of the new type given by him, the excitement reigned so high that the affair wound up with a march of men and women down the middle of the hall, all pounding bottle coolers with champagne bottles and singing merrily.

The duchess was Miss Helena Zim-

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